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SUBJ: REMOTE SENSING--BRAZILIAN DRAFT PRINCIPLES

1. MINISTER COUNSELOR OF BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, DINIZ, CALLED FEB 1 AT DEPARTMENT (GRANGER/SCI) TO GIVE US ADVANCE COPY OF BRAZILIAN DRAFT QUOTE TREATY UNQUOTE ON REMOTE SENSING, WHICH, HOWEVER, DINIZ REFERRRED TO REPEATEDLY AS QUOTE PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE. HE SAID BRAZILIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED TO CIRCULATE PRINCIPLES INFORMALLY AT COMING SESSION OF WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING (WGRS), BUT WOULD TABLE THE PRINCIPLES FOR FORMAL DISCUSSION ONLY AT THE OSC LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT MAY. PRINCIPLES IMPOSE STRONG RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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STRICTIONS ON BOTH ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF ERS

DATA.

2. DINIZ REPORTED THAT COBAE (BRAZILIAN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD) HAD DEVELOPED GOVERNMENT POLICY ON REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE REFLECTED IN PRINCIPLES AND THAT LEGISLATION WAS IN PREPARATION TO GIVE EFFECT TO THAT POLICY. HE THEN NOTED THAT PRESENT POLICY WAS NO LONGER CONSISTENT WITH REMOTE SENSING AGREEMENT OF APRIL 6, 1973 BASED ON MOU BETWEEN NASA AND INPE (BRAZILIAN SPACE RESEARCH COUNCIL), WHICH PROVIDES FOR OPEN DISSEMINATION POLICY AND CONTAINS NO RE

STRICTIONS ON ACQUISITION. DINIZ PROPOSED THAT A NEW MOU

BE NEGOTIATED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BRAZILIAN POSITION ON REMOTE SENSING. HE SUGGESTED THAT COBAE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WOULD COMPOSE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO WGRS, WERE QUALIFIED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH US REPRESENTATIVES. DINIZ HOPED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN OUR POSITION ON REMOTE SENSING AND BRAZILIAN PRINCIPLES.

3. DEPARTMENT AND NASA OFFICERS EXPLAINED OUR OWN POLICY WAS REACHED ONLY AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW AND DISCOURAGED DINIZ FROM ASSUMING WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ACCOMMODATE HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISHES. GRANGER SUPPORTED NASA REPRESENTATIVE'S SUGGESTION THAT PRINCIPLES NOT BE CIRCULATED AT WGRS MEETING ON GROUNDS IT MIGHT TEND TO HARDEN BRAZILIAN POSITION AND FORECLOSE POSSIBILITIES OF SOME COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT AT LATER DATE. WE ALSO SUGGESTED CIRCULATION AT WGRS MIGHT TEND TO POLARIZE POSITIONS AT FORTHCOMING MEETING AND BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO USEFUL WORK. DINIZ SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS SUGGESTION TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING INCONSISTENCIES ON THE ONE HAND BETWEEN BRAZILIAN PRINCIPLES AND POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATION BASED ON THESE PRINCIPLES AND ON THE OTHER, LANGUAGE IN MOU PROVIDING FOR OPEN DISSEMINATION DINIZ SAID IT WAS BRAZILIAN PRACTICE TO HONOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND THAT SO LONG AS AGREEMENT WAS IN EFFECT, CONFIDENTIAL

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GOB WOULD ABIDE BY IT.

5. DINIZ EMPHASIZED BASIC POLICY FUNCTION OF COBAE AS DISTINCT FROM OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS, WHICH HE SAID WOULD REST WITH INPE. HE DOUBTED WHETHER COBAE WOULD BECOME INVOLVED WITH SUCH MATTERS AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES. HIS REMARKS AT NO TIME SUGGESTED THAT GOB PROPOSED TO CHANGE INPE AS NASA POINT OF CONTACT FOR TECHNICAL

MATTERS, IF MOU WERE REVISED.

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